**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: \_\_\_\_\_

Tsuyoshi SOTOME, et al

Application No.: 09/739,686

Group Art Unit: 2832

Filed: December 20, 2000

Examiner: Kyung S. Lee

For: A MULTIPLE SWITCH DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 30, 2003 (Paper No. 12), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

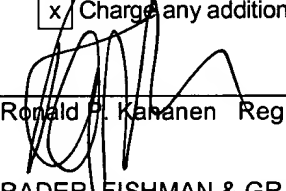
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. NIL-158	
Application No. 09/739,686		Filing Date December 20, 2000		Examiner Kyung S. Lee	
				Art Unit 2832	
Applicant(s): Tsuyoshi Sotome					
Invention: A MULTIPLE SWITCH DEVICE					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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